

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A copper alloy comprising:

2.0 to 4.0 mass% of Ti;

not more than 0.1 mass% in total of unavoidable impurity elements consisting of Pb, Sn, Zn, Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, S, Si, Al, P, As, Se, Te, Sb, Bi, Au, and Ag, each unavoidable impurity element being contained at not more than 0.01 mass%; and

~~second-phase particles of area of not less than  $0.01 \mu\text{m}^2$  observed by a cross section speculum;~~  
second-phase particles formed by Cu, Ti, and the unavoidable impurity elements;

wherein the second-phase particles have an area of not less than  $0.01 \mu\text{m}^2$  observed by a cross section speculum, and not less than 80% of the number of the second-phase particles contain not less than 3% in total amount of the unavoidable impurity elements in composition.

2. (Original) The copper alloy according to claim 1, wherein when the second-phase particles of not less than  $0.01 \mu\text{m}^2$  area observed by a cross section speculum is assumed to be a circle having a diameter of D, the diameter D is 0.2 to  $1.0 \mu\text{m}$ .

3. (Original) The copper alloy according to claim 1, wherein the second-phase particle has:

a particle density  $\rho$ , of second-phase particles of area of not less than  $0.01 \mu\text{m}^2$  observed by the cross section speculum, is 1 to 100 particles per  $100 \mu\text{m}^2$ ; and

an average distance of particles d defined by the following formula, wherein the average distance of particles d is 2 to  $20 \mu\text{m}$ .

$$d = \frac{1}{n} \sum_i^n \left( \frac{1}{10} \sum_j^{10} d_{ij} \right) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_i^n \left( \frac{1}{10} \sum_j^{10} |\vec{P}_{ij} - \vec{P}_i| \right)$$

di1: distance from arbitrary second-phase particle  $P_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) to the second-phase particle  $P_{i1}$  which is the closest to  $P_i$

di2: distance from  $P_i$  to the second-phase particle  $P_{i2}$  which is close to the second to  $P_i$

dij (no repetition): distance from  $P_i$  to the second-phase particle  $P_{ij}$  which is close to the j-th to  $P_i$

d: average distance of particles (above formula)

n: sufficiently large number, statistically of at least 10